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| For: STEPPED UPPER ELECTRODE FOR PLASMA PROCESSING UNIFORMITY |)) | |

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action dated June 25, 2001, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, the invention covered by Group II, Claims 1-11 and 19-31.

Early and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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